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## ITEM OF INTEREST

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Date: September, 2001

Time: 12:00 PM (MST)

New Mexico Licensee  
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**Western Technologies**

License No. DM 244-

Albuquerque, NM

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At approximately 8:00 AM, September 7, 2001, the Agency received a report advising that a Troxler Model 3430 moisture/density gauges was missing. This information was supplied by the LICENSEE Radiation Safety Officer. The information supplied indicated that the LICENSEE was unsure when the gauge was taken. It was last seen on September 6, 2001 when an operator left the device at MP 49 on U.S. Highway 550. The gauge contained a 8 millicuries cesium 137 source and a 44 millicuries Americium 241:Beryllium source. The State of New Mexico continues to investigate this matter.

**On September 13, 2001 New Mexico reported the gauge has been recovered**

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